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Satsang

Manisha and Mahesh Nileshwar cordially invite you all for Satsang on Saturday May 11, 2013 at 11:30 am to be held at their residence 18 Bridley Drive, Scarborough. Please RSVP Manisha at 416-299-9885 (mnileshw@gmail.com) and/or Maya at 905-566-7908 (kulkarni77@rogers.com) by May 4, 2013.

Important Dates in Mar, Apr 2013

March-2013				
01 Mar	Fri			Shishya-sweekar day of PP Shrimat Parijnanashram Swamiji III
02 Mar	Sat	Magha - Krshna	Panchami	"Ordination Day of Shrimat Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji "
03 Mar	Sun	Magha - Krshna	Shashthi	"Vardhanti at Shirali H.H. Shrimat Shankarashram Swamiji I Sannidhi H.H. Shrimat Keshavashram Swamiji Sannidhi"
10 Mar	Sun	Magha - Krshna	Chaturdashi	Shri Maha Shivaratri
14 Mar	Thu	Phalguna - Shukla	Tritiya	"Vardhanti at Shirali H.H. Shrimat Krishnashram Swamiji Sannidhi."
16 Mar	Sat	Phalguna - Shukla	Panchami	"Vardhanti at Karla - Shri Durga Parameshwari Devi Sannidhi"
22 Mar	Fri	Phalguna - Shukla	Dashami	"Vardhanti at Karla H.H. Shrimat Parijnanashram Swamiji III Sannidhi"
26 Mar	Tue	Phalguna - Shukla	Chaturdashi	Holika, Kamadhanam
30 Mar	Sat	Phalguna - Krishna	Tritiya	"Vardhanti at Gokarn Shri Umamaheshwar Sannidhi"
April-2013				
10 Apr	Wed	Phalguna - Krishna	Amavasya	Nandana Samvatsara Samapti
11 Apr	Thu	Chaitra - Shukla	Pratipada	Vijaya Samvatsara Prarambha

Annual Math Vantiga

Total contributions from CSCS members for the fiscal year April 2012– March 2013 will be remitted to Shri Chitrapur Math shortly.

Our regular Vantiga payers, please consider to mail your contributions for 2013-2014 by the end of January 2014 to Sabha Treasurer Shri Vinayak Shanbhag at 5372 Floral Hill Crescent, Mississauga, ON L5V 1V3. (Tel. 905-286-1896 e-mail: vvshanbhag@yahoo.com). You can make cheque payable to CSCS in C\$ or if you are paying in Rupees through a bank account in India, please make cheque payable to Shri Chitrapur Math. However if you are sending your Vantiga contributions directly (in Rupees or C\$) to Shri Chitrapur Math, we would appreciate if you would let us know the amount you have sent. This is because we can total up all contributions from Canada Sabha members/math devotees by the end of March 2013 (fiscal end period for Shri Chitrapur Math for 2012-2013) and we can track the progress of Vantiga contributions on a year to year basis.

We thank those who have already paid Vantiga dues.

Published Articles

Following are list of articles that were published in Sweekar volume 5, Issues 1-12 April 2011 to Mar 2012

August 2011-H.H. Parijananashram Swamiji
 September 2011-H.H. Parijananashram Swamiji-Amendment
 October 2011- H.H. Pandurangashram Swamiji
 December 2011-H.H. Shankarashram II Swamiji
 January 2012-H.H. Adi Shankarachrya
 February 2012-Shri Ramana Maharshi
 March 2012-Shri Ramakrishna Paramhansa

Swamiji's Itinerary

Following is the itinerary of H.H. Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji's for Mar 2013.

Mar 2013:

Mar 1—Departure to Ankola
 Mar 2– to Mar 4—At Ankola (Ordination Day)
 Mar 5 to Mar 15—On Tour

FUTURE

SATSANGS

Those who wish to sponsor future satsangs are requested to contact Maya Kulkarni at 905-566-7908 (email: kulkarni77@rogers.com)

H.H.Parijnanashram Swami – III

A Personal Experience (By : Nandakumar Hattiangadi)

Most of us are aware of the Love and affection that Parama Poojya Parijnanashram Swami had for human beings and creatures. He loved children very much and was invariably seen to be surrounded by them whenever an occasion arose. He must have seen them through the eyes of a Yogi and a Gyani. He loved playing with them, telling stories and taking them out for rides in his car or for walks in the evening. He had a penchant for learning and gaining knowledge, which seemed to be an endless pursuit for Him. He was an amateur radio operator – having a wireless shack set up at Panchavati, Chitrapur, with help from two of His close devotees, since he was very much fascinated by electronic devices and instruments. He created His own wireless set with the components provided by His close devotees. He secured a valid licence after passing the wireless examination as per Government rules in the first grade. He had built a transistor on His own, even when He was a student. He gained knowledge in such subjects by reading Scientific Magazines and books. To encourage His laity, particularly from the younger generation, He established a Museum and an Art gallery in the Math. He also built up a Library stacked with books on every subject to encourage persons from our community to widen the scope and gain more knowledge by reading books. He had a very kind heart and was always receptive to the woes and problems of devotees who used to throng around Him. He invariably used to give immediate solution to such mundane problems faced by His devotees. He had a special liking for the aged, destitutes and the forsaken members of our community. His Guru, Swami Anandashram, had once said " the condition of our old people is pitiable. They are regarded as a burden by their own children and have no place to go, no place where they can live in honour and self respect". To fulfill the most important assurance given by Him to Swami Anandashram, the construction of a "Home" for the aged and the forsaken Saraswats, named aptly as "Anandashray" took birth. This happened after the revival of the Rathotsav festival in 1973. Initially, He contributed sizeable amounts for the project from His own personal funds and in course of time He was able to collect required funds from the Philanthropic public. He was a true Shishya to His Guru in all respects. Swami Anandashram had a keen desire to revive the Rathotsav festival which had been abandoned due to paucity of funds and other factors. Poojya Parijnanashram Swami revived this annual festival during the summer of 1973 despite facing several odds and obstacles. In His most memorable and emotional Ashirvachan, given at the end of the festivities, He dedicated the revival of the Rathotsav festival to Swami Anandashram as His Guru Dakshina to fulfill the desire of His Guru Swami. He loved God's creation – be it animals or nature – and went out of the way to establish His love for them. He had a small zoo set up as an attraction to children visiting Shirali. He developed the neglected hillock named "Panchavati" and had a beautiful garden laid with roses and other varieties of flowers on the slopes of the hill. In His eyes, all human beings were equal to God. To convert this belief into practice, He declared open the doors of our Math to devotees outside our community, irrespective of caste, creed or religion, to enable them to perform Sevas and offer prayers to Lord Bhavanishankar, despite stiff opposition from the fundamentalists. He even went to the extent of serving Teerth to all devotees and pilgrims who visited the Math, without any type of discrimination. This was another facet of His belief that all are equal before God, the Almighty. His farsightedness and determination to strengthen the financial position of our Math was made possible due to His dynamic and purposeful approach, enlisting the cooperation of the youth who supported Swami's thoughts due to their hard work and perseverance in approaching and convincing the laity to pay Vantiga to our Math, and motivate those already paying it to enhance their contributions. This approach led to a sizeable increase in the Vantiga collections, resulting in strengthening the financial base of our Math. Another attempt of Swami to ensure the return of the Shishya Varga who had left the community fold was very successful. Swami Anandashram had been very much concerned on this issue. To fulfill the promise made to Him, Swami Parijnanashram ensured to enlarge the scope of His activities and efforts to clear and remove the misunderstanding in their minds about the Math. It is estimated that during the course of eight years, as many as 400 families visited the Math and paid their respects to the Guru. His tour of the USA and Canada also paved the way to realize this objective to a very great extent.

During the year 1968, when Poojya Parijnanashram Swami was our Mathadhipati at our Math in Shirali, my father, Late Hattiangadi Bhasker Rao, took up the assignment as the Accountant of our Math. He had applied for the vacancy created for the post and had been selected by the concerned authority. He was given residential quarters to stay in the Math premises. Parijnanashram Swami had a very great liking and respect for my father, in view of his dedication, sincerity, honesty and hard working nature. In view of this my father had developed a very close contact with Swami.

H.H.Parijnanashram Swami – III

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Just before my father took up the assignment at our Math, I had been promoted as an Officer in the Bank in which I was serving at Bangalore. In August 1972 I was transferred to a village – Mahadevapura – located in Srirangapatna Taluk of Mandya District, about 20 kms.from Mysore. Since the village did not have proper schools to enable my children (daughter and son) to study, it was decided to send them to Shirali at least for a few months till the next academic year in 1973 commenced. My daughter was just 6 years old and my son was 4 years. Swami Parijnanashram took a special liking for my daughter – it seems she resembled His sister to a very great extent. My daughter must have been extremely fortunate to have been so close to Swami. She used to accompany Him during His evening rounds by car – my son also accompanied them during such rides. He used to give them ripe Cashews, mangoes and other fruits. It seems her friends even started becoming jealous of her due to her closeness with Swami and she used to be even teased by them in the Math. My daughter was riding on Cloud 9 during her stay at Shirali In the august presence of Poojya Swami. Since Swami loved animals He used to encourage my children to enter the zoo created for the purpose. My children even used to accompany Swami when He went to Panchavati.

It was in the summer of 1973 that Swami Parijnanashram took a bold decision to revive the annual Rathotsav festivities amidst stiff opposition from our own people. I was very fortunate to be a part of the gathering of devotees who witnessed the revival of the Rathotsav festival. Just then I had purchased a tape recorder and my first recording took place at Shirali during these festivities. I had recorded the bhajan rendered by Shri.Vittal Vijay Bhat – original bhajan sung by Bhimsen Joshi - "Teerth Vittal, Kshetra Vittal ..." - Vijay Bhat's voice was resembling Bhimsen Joshi's voice to a very great extent. I was also very fortunate in being able to record the historic and memorable Ashirvachan of Poojya Parijnanashram Swamiji, which was highly emotional. Those few days spent in Shirali amidst the festivities and in the august presence of Poojya Swami have been permanently etched in my mind. It was a life time experience for me. Despite the hot summer, scarcity of drinking water and other odds, the Rathotsav festival celebrations went off so smoothly leaving many of those who had opposed Swami's idea quite speechless. How could one forget the Blessings of Lord Bhavanishankar, Swami Anandashram and the entire Guruparampara, which were with our Poojya Parijnanashram Swami's resolute decision to revive the Rathotsav festival. In the process of reviving the festival, Poojya Swami also fulfilled the promise given to His grandmother during His purvashram days in Shirali. Today, even if I close my eyes, I can still recollect the smiling picture of Poojya Parijnanashram Swami and His emotional Ashirvachan.

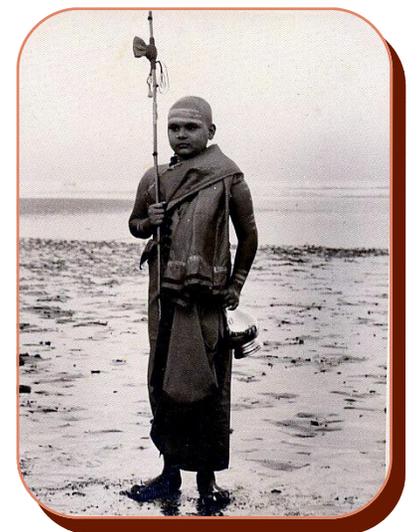
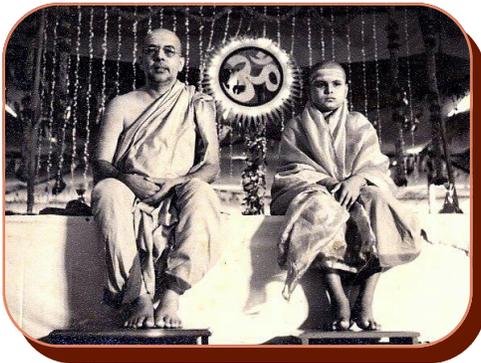
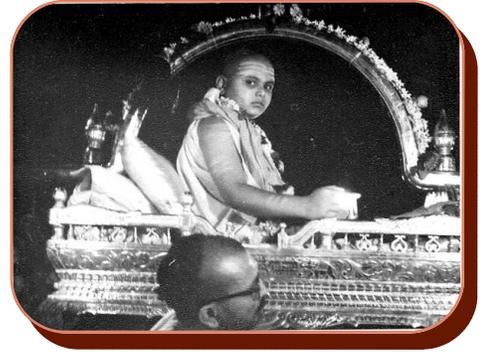
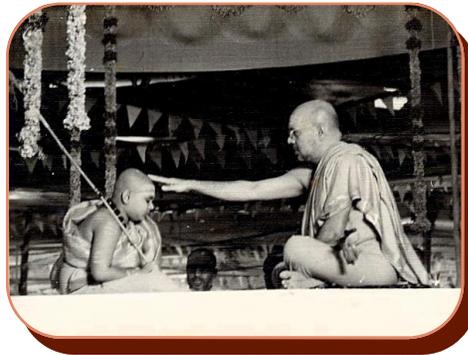
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(Nandakumar Hattiangadi)

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H.H.Parijnanashram Swami — III

Glimpses of Shishya Sweekar (Photos from Collection of Jnanesh Chandavarkar, Bengaluru)



Math Website Updates

1. Guru Purnima celebration/Chaturmas Vrata commencement- July 3, 2012
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Guru_purnima_shirali_03072012.asp
2. Video Clip of Swadhyaya on Shivananda Lahari
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Swadhyaya_Shivanand_lahiri_july12.asp
3. Updated Programme schedule of Chaturmas 2012
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/upcoming_events/chaturmas_prog_2012.asp
4. Announcement of Girvanapratishtha shibir at Shirali in Mid Aug 2012
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/pdf/announcements/Girvanapratishtha_08-2012.pdf
5. Ashirvachan delivered at Shri Mahalaxmi Saunsthan, Bandiwade, Goa—May 4, 2012
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/goa_Mahalakshmi_040512.asp
6. Ashirvachan delivered during Dharma Sabha at Shri Chitrapur Math , Bangalore —Apr 29, 2012
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Dharmasabha_blore_290412.asp
7. Ashirvachan delivered during Shankara Jayanti , Bangalore —Apr 26, 2012
http://chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Shankarjayanti_blore2012.asp
8. Yuvadhara Kar-Seva Shibir
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/karseva_video_2012.asp
9. Shivananda Lahari-Swadhayaya conducted by Parama Pujya Swamiji
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Swadhyaya_Shivanand_lahari_Sep2012.asp

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